GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS - APSHCL - Sri Ch.Babu Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, APSHCL, Sompeta now Retired- Common disciplinary proceedings under Rule-24 read with Rule-20 of the A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1964 for allegations of irregularities and misappropriation of Government funds in execution of houses sanctioned under Hud-Hud Cyclone in the year 2014 for weaker sections in Sompeta of Srikakulam District - Articles of Charge - Issued.

HOUSING (VIG.CELL) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.44 **Dated:30.07.2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General (Vigilance & Enforcement), General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Vigilance Report No.32 (C.No.7516/V&E/ENGG/2018), dated 16.09.2022.
2. G.O.Rt.No.42, Housing (Vig.Cell) Department, dated: 30.07.2024.

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ORDER:

Whereas, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri Ch.Babu Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, APSHCL, Sompeta now (Retired on 31.05.2023) in accordance with the procedure land down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2) The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnessess by whom, the Articles of Charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II and III).

3) Sri Ch.Babu Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, APSHCL, Sompeta now (Retired on 31.05.2023) is directed to submit, within 10 days of the receipt of the order, a Written Statement of his Defence.

4) Sri Ch.Babu Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, APSHCL, Sompeta now (Retired on 31.05.2023) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those charges as are not admitted. He therefore specifically admit or deny each Articles of Charge.

5) Sri Ch.Babu Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, APSHCL, Sompeta now (Retired on 31.05.2023) is further informed that if he does not submit his Written State of Defense on or before the date specified in Para-3 above further action will be processed based on the material available.

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6) The attention of Sri Ch.Babu Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, APSHCL, Sompeta now (Retired on 31.05.2023) is invited to Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Ch.Babu Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, APSHCL, Sompeta now (Retired on 31.05.2023) is aware of such representation that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7) The receipt of the Memorandum may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Ch.Babu Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, APSHCL, Sompeta, Srikakulam District, **through** the Managing Director, APSHCL, Autonagara, Vijayawada.
The Managing Director, APSHCL, Autonagar, Vijayawada- with a request to serve the Articles of Charge on the individual and furnish the dated Ackonowledgement of served copy for record.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI CH.BABU RAO, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, APSHCL, SOMPETA NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE ON 31.05.2023.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE NO: I

That the said Sri Ch.Babu Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, APSHCL, Sompeta now (Retired on 31.05.2023) from service while officiating as Deputy Executive Engineer, APSHCL, Sompeta, Srikakulam District, as per the V&E Report No.32, it is established that he has committed certain irregularities i.e., the roof slab of 2nd 3rd & 5th blocks with inferior quality and caused monetary loss for the Government in execution of houses sanctioned under Hud-Hud Cyclone in the year 2014 for weaker sections in Sompeta Mandal, Srikakulam District which is unbecoming of a Government Servant.

Thus, the Deputy Engineer has violated the Rules 3 (1) and 3 (2)and 3 (5) of A.P.Civil Services Conduct Rules, 1964 for lack of deviation to duty, lack of integrity, and for not taking all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty of Government Servants for the time being under his control and authority.

Hence, the charge.

Basis of Charge:

01.Vigilance& Enforcement Report No.32, C.No.7516/V&E/ENGG/2018 dated 16.09.2022.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT SHOWING THE LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI CH.BABU RAO, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, APSHCL, SOMPETA NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE ON 31.05.2023.

As per General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Vigilance Report No.32 C.No.7516/V&E/ENGG/2018 dated:16.09.2022 it is noticed that Sri Ch.Babu Rao the then Deputy EE is informed that the V&E Department officials enquired in to one adverse articles published on 18.12.2018 in Eenadu daily news paper about the inferior quality of work and misappropriation of Government funds in the execution of houses for weaker session in Sompeta in Srikakulam District under Hud-Hud Cyclone grant taken up by the Housing Department in Srikakulam District.

In this regard the team of officers of V&E Department, have inspected in Sompeta of Srikakulam District and detected the following irregularities:-

1. **Incomplete stage of five blocks.**

   Housing schemes to the Cyclone victims was started on 18-07-2016 at nokalammakond in Sompeta to construct 128 houses in 8 blocks at an estimated cost of Rs.5.09 Crores all the works were entrusted to a single Contractor he ignored the housing works at Sompeta although he completed all the other works in the District works were not taken up for 3 blocks out of 8 blocks in the other 5 blocks were left unfinished after laying of roof slaps in the 5th block was not completed fully.

2. **Cracks due to inferior quality.**

   Poor quality of work was distinctly visible in 80 houses under construction cracks were seen and walls and other structures had collapsed even before commissioning of the scheme due to usage of poor quality of bricks. The beneficiaries and the local people were annoyed about the poor quality of these houses being taken up in G+1 model.

3. **Excess bill paid and scheme left incompleted:**

   officials paid full bills for the construction despite incomplete constructions to favour the contractor it was learnt that though a single house was not completely constructed while washing was done and bills were prepared for 4 blocks. The local MPTC and ZPTC members expressed their anguish about the inaction of the officials though they had represented many times to the officials about lack of completion of the houses. The officials should know why the contractor had not completed the balance work.

Hence, the charge

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ANNEXURE-III

STATEMENT SHOWING THE LIST OF WITNESSESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI CH.BABU RAO, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, APSHCL, SOMPETA NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE ON 31.05.2023.

1. Vigilance& Enforcement Report No.32 C.No.7516/V&E/ENGG/2018 dated 16.09.2022.

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